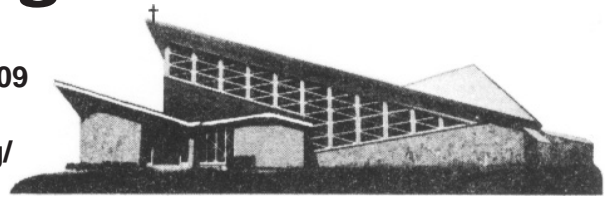


# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Miss Susan Douglas Lay Pastoral Asst.  
 Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
 Mr. Breandán Orian McCallister Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
 Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music  
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
 Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Reception  
 Tues & Wed.  
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY LITURGY** — Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**SPANISH MASS** — Sunday 2:00 p.m.  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.  
 Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

## **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

**PARISH REGISTRATION** — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

**N.B.** — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** — Two Sundays per month at 4:00 p.m. Contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

**PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM** — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK** — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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Catholic Cemeteries		905-668-8912
Catholic Family Services	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax 905-428-1984
Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)	1-800-241-3534	or 905-432-3622
<b>St. John the Evangelist School</b>	905-668-4011	<b>St. Marguerite d'Youville School</b> 905-666-9301
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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

From this Sunday until Ash Wednesday, we are in Ordinary Time. It is a period on which we can experience the public life of Christ in our daily lives. This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the book of the prophet Isaiah, brings us a message of hope and restoration. Even though the people of Israel have been in exile and the city has been destroyed, a promise of new life is given to them. During this time, it is very easy to feel discouraged and give up, but God always comes to give us courage and hope. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us the image of the Christian community as the Body of Christ in which each one of them put their gifts at the service of each other. It is important to realize that we are not individuals leaving their faith apart from each other; moreover, our faith is shared and grows in our relationship with others. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us the account of the Wedding at Cana. Jesus and the Virgin Mary are invited to a wedding feast. They realize that they have no wine and Jesus transforms the water into wine. What does it mean for our own personal life? Wine represents the happiness and the joy that Christ gives to us. Some of us, experience that at times we lack wine, which means that we lack joy, hope, peace, and courage in our lives. The water represents the law, which was incapable of transforming our hearts. It only made clear our limits, our incapacity to change. Christ has transformed our water, our limits, into wine, a new life filled with joy, peace and all the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Let us offer to the Lord all of our limits and incapacities so that He can transform them into a new life filled with peace, joy and complete happiness!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jan 17, 2016)

This Sunday's Gospel presents the prodigious event that occurred at Cana, a village in Galilee, during a wedding feast also attended by Mary and Jesus, with his first disciples (cf. Jn 2:1-11). The Mother points out to her Son that the wine has run out, and, after responding that his hour had not yet come, Jesus nevertheless accepts her request and gives to the bride and groom the best wine of the entire feast. The Evangelist underlines that this was the first of the signs Jesus performed; it "manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him" (v. 11).

Miracles, thus, are extraordinary signs that accompany the Good News and have the purpose of causing or strengthening faith in Jesus. In the miracle performed at Cana, we are able to glimpse an act of benevolence on the part of Jesus toward the bride and groom, a sign of God's blessing on the marriage. The love between a man and a woman is therefore a good path through which to live the Gospel, that is, to set out with joy on the path of holiness.

Yet the miracle at Cana does not pertain only to spouses. Every human person is called to encounter the Lord in his or her life. Christian faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God. Faith intersects times of joy and pain, of light and darkness, as in every authentic experience of love. The narrative of the wedding at Cana invites us to rediscover that Jesus does not present himself to us as a judge ready to condemn our faults, nor as a commander who imposes upon us to blindly follow his orders; he is manifest as Saviour of mankind, as brother, as our elder brother, Son of the Father: he presents himself as he who responds to the expectations and promises of joy that dwell in the heart of each one of us.

Thus we can ask ourselves: do I really know the Lord like this? Do I feel him close to me, to my life? Am I responding to him on the wavelength of that spousal love which he manifests each day to everyone, to every human being? It is about realizing that Jesus looks for us and invites us to make room in the inner reaches of our heart. In this walk of faith with him we are not left alone: we have received the gift of the Blood of Christ. The large stone jars that Jesus had filled with water in order to transform it into wine (v. 7) are a sign of the passage from the old to the new covenant: in place of the water used for the rites of purification, we have received the Blood of Jesus, poured out in a sacramental way in the Eucharist and in the bloodstained way of the Passion and of the Cross. The Sacraments, which originate from the Pascal Mystery, instill in us supernatural strength and enable us to experience the infinite mercy of God.

May the Virgin Mary, model of meditation of the words and acts of the Lord, help us to rediscover with faith the beauty and richness of the Eucharist and of the other Sacraments, which render present God's faithful love for us. In this way we fall ever more in love with the Lord Jesus, our Bridegroom, and we go to meet him with our lamps alight with our joyous faith, thus becoming his witnesses in the world.

### **DCDSB Kindergarten Registration Opens January 11, 2022**

Begin your child's journey at the  
Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)!  
Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31,  
2022 to register for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten **or** 5 years of  
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Complete your online registration by  
visiting [dcdsb.ca/Kindergarten](https://dcdsb.ca/Kindergarten)

### **CWL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$25.00**

email [lchilderhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:lchilderhouse@hotmail.com)

### Lectio Divina

**We will return to Lectio Divina beginning Monday  
January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on zoom Please call the office if  
you need the meeting information. For any returning  
members, the contact information remains the same.**

**A new bible study will be on the Seven Deadly Sins by  
Bishop Robert Barron on Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> to  
Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8:30pm through Zoom  
(TBA). Please register with the parish office. Fee is \$20.  
Book provided.**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if  
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

JANUARY 16, 2022

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2021 – 2022

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**\*\*UPDATE\*\***

**PARENTS' MEETING will now be held ONLINE (NOT in the Church as was originally scheduled)** – Susan will email parents with a link to join this meeting on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 7:00 pm** (Further instructions will be provided as to when you will pick up your child's workbook)

### CONFIRMATION

**\*\* UPDATE\*\***

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Feb. 5, 12 & 26, Mar. 5 & 26) will now be held ONLINE (NOT in the Parish Centre as was originally scheduled)** Susan will provide more information regarding the online classes in an email to parents of children registered in our program.

### A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS 2021

Through the generosity of the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was able to provide Christmas help in the form of gift cards to 133 needy families with 190 children and 26 Seniors total within the Parish boundaries. Even though Covid-19 did not allow us to provide families with the actual Christmas gifts, we were still able to provide them with vouchers with which they could purchase gifts for their families, and for this they were very grateful.

We wish to thank the students and staff of All Saint's Catholic Secondary School, St. Marguerite d'Youville School, St. John the Evangelist School, and St. Luke the Evangelist School, for their generous donations of cash, cheques and gift cards, which in turn allowed us to provide assistance to our neighbours in need.

A big thank you to the following businesses that graciously collected donations of cash and giftcards from the Celtic Club, and Daughters of Isabella – St. Bernadette Circle. Thank you to the many Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church for your overwhelming generosity in the form of monetary gifts and gift cards. We truly applaud and appreciate the spirit of generosity from all of you.

Tax receipts will be mailed out for cash and cheque donations of \$25 and up.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to all of you, from all of the members of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

Wed Jan 19 – 7:00pm

**+Joyce White**

*req. by Patricia & Clark Weddell*

**+Mary McWatters**

*req. by Myra Brignole*

**+John Brignole**

*req. by Myra Brignole*

**+James Church**

*req. by John Lennon*

**+Brian McMonagle**

*req. by The Lukow Family*

Thurs Jan 20 – 8:20am

**+Brian McMonagle**

*req. by Dave & Mary Chown*

Fri Jan 21 – 8:20am

**+Andrew Marioselva**

*req. by Christine Marioselva*

Tabernacle candle January 16 – 22, 2022 Intention for Gabby

### Parish Home Catechism Program

Here is our plan for the month of January:

- PHCP Classes for January 5th, 2022 are cancelled. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 19th via ZOOM. It is uncertain how long we will be restricted from in-person learning.
- In the next week, the parish office will receive the third shipment of the Gospel Weeklies program. Lorraine Thomas and I will organize family packages of the student booklets as we did last year. Catechist packages will be prepared at that time as well.
- Parents/Catechists will be notified via email to pick up their Gospel Weeklies packages from the parish office beginning Monday, January 17th.
- On January 18th, a detailed email will be sent to all families and catechists regarding the procedures for accessing the lessons via ZOOM.



### Masses For The Week

Sat Jan 15 – 5pm

**+Giovanni Favit**

*req. by Maddalena Favit & Family*

Mon Jan 17 – 8:20am

**+Susan & Harry Friel**

*req. by Alice Deehan*

Tues Jan 18 – 8:20am

**+Sally Elliott**

*req. by The Lay Pastoral Ministry Team*

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